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# Randolph Family of Virginia

by

John Randolph





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In the spring of 1810, when we were preparing to leave our residence in Prince Edward County, Virginia, for Rhode Island, Mr. John Randolph, who was on a visit to us, observed that we intended to leave Virginia, perhaps never to return, it was best our children should know who their ancestors were, and who were their relations. Accordingly, on his return to Roanoke, he wrote this account, gave it to me, and I have carefully preserved it; but as the original is in a perishable state, I have had it printed.

ANNE MARIE (LYMAN) RANDOLPH,

*Wife of Richard Kidder Randolph, Formerly of Buffalo Creek, Va.*

From Miss Jane Eldridge, from her aunt, Jane R., of Curles.

William Randolph of Yorkshire, England, lived at Turkey Island, and married Mary, daughter of Henry and Catherine Isham, of Bermuda Hundred, who bore him seven sons and two daughters:

✓ Rev. Benj. Ancell, Mahan School, Yangchow, China, writes:

Katherine Banks, of Canterbury, England, m. 1st Joseph Royall, of Henrico, Virginia; m. 2d Henry Isham, Henrico, Virginia.

I William, of Turkey Island, married Miss Elizabeth Beverley of Gloster, by whom he had:

1. Beverley, of Turkey Island, married to Miss Lightfoot, of Sandy Point, and died childless;
2. Peter, of Chatworth, married to Lucy, daughter of Robert Bolling, of Bollingbrook, who bore him:

William Beverley, of Green Creek, formerly Governor of Virginia;

Robert, of Fauquier; and

Anne, wife of William Fitz Hugh, of Chatham.

- 3 William, of Wilton, married Anne, daughter of B. Harrison and Anne Carter, his wife, by whom he had:

William Beverley;

Peter, married 1st Miss Spotswood, 2nd Mary Page, of North River, and died childless;

Harrison;

Benjamin;

Peyton\*, of Wilton, married Lucy, daughter of Governor Harrison (\*and had: William, married to Miss Andrews, of Williamsburg; Richard Kidder to Miss Lyman,





of Rhode Island; Peyton to Miss Innis, of Williamsburg;  
Betty, married to William Berkley, of Airwell).  
Anne, married to Benjamin Harrison, of Brandon;  
Elizabeth, married to Philip Grymes, of Brandon on Rap-  
pahannock;  
Lucy, married to Lewis Burwell, of Kingsmill.

II. Thomas, of Tuckahoe, married Judith Churchill (Robt. Lan-  
caster says Judith Fleming), by whom he had:

1. William, married Miss Page, of Rosewell, by whom he had:  
The late Thomas Mann R., who married Anne Cary, of  
Amphill;  
Judy, married Edmund Berkley;  
Mary, married Tarleton Fleming, of Rock Castle.
2. Judy, married William Stith.
3. Mary, to the Rev. Mr. Keith.

III. Isham, of Dungeness, married to Miss Rodgers, of England, by  
whom:

1. William, of Bristol, England, father of  
Thomas Esten Randolph.
2. Thomas, of Dungeness, married Jane Cary, of Amphill.
3. Jane, wife of Peter Jefferson, mother of Thomas J., of  
Monticello.
4. Mary, wife of Charles Lewis, of Buck Island.
5. Elizabeth, wife of John Bailey, of Chesterfield
6. Dorothy, wife of John Woodson, of Goochland.
7. Anne, married 1st Daniel Scott, 2nd John Pleasants, of  
Fine Creek, Powhatan County, by whom she had Sam and  
Jane; 3rd James Pleasants, father of the Clerk of the  
House of Delegates.
8. Sukey, married to Carter Harrison, of Clifton.

IV. Richard, of Curles, married Jane, daughter of John Bolling,  
of Cobbs, and granddaughter of Robert Bolling, who married  
the granddaughter of Pocahontas, Jane Rolf. Children:

1. Richard, of Curles, married Anne, daughter of David Meade,  
of Nansemond, to whom were born:  
Jane, married to Archibald Bolling;  
Richard, married Marie Beverley, of Blandfield;  
Sukey, married to Benjamin Harrison, of Berkley;  
David Meade, married Mary, daughter of Thomas M. Ran-  
dolph, of Tuckahoe;  
Anne, married Brett Randolph, of Powhatan;  
Brett, married Lucy Beverley (sister of his brother Rich-  
ard's wife);



- Betsey, married Davis, son of Everard Meade, of Amelia;  
 Ryland, married ....., of Petersburg;  
 Sarah, married William Newbeen;  
 Mary, married William, son of the last Thomas Bolling,  
 of Cobbs.
2. Mary; married Archibald Cary, of Ampthill, Chesterfield  
 County, by whom he had:  
     Jane, m. Thomas Randolph, of Dungeness;  
     Anne, m. Thomas Mann Randolph, of Tuckahoe;  
     Elizabeth, m. Robert Kinkaid;  
     Mary, m. Carter Page, of Cumberland;  
     Sarah, m. Archibald Bolling (his first wife).
  3. Jane, m. Anthony Walke~~r~~, father of the Rev. Anthony Walke~~r~~ of Kempsville, Princess Anne County. 1744-45-72
  4. Brett, of Gloucestershire, England, m. Miss Mary Scott, of  
 Harden, by whom he had:  
     Mrs. Douglass, of Alexandria;  
     Henry, of Warwick;  
     Brett, of Powhatan.
  5. Ryland, who bought Turkey Island of Col. Peter Randolph,  
 at which place he lived and died a bachelor.
  6. Elizabeth, m. Richard Kidder Meade, of Coggen's Point,  
 But last of Lucy Hit, Frederick County, Virginia.
  7. John R., m. Frances, daughter of Theodorick Bland, of Caw-  
 sons, and Frances Bolling, his wife.
    1. John R., of Roanoke.

V. Sir John, Knt., married Susan Beverley, sister to his brother  
 William's wife, by whom he had:

1. Beverley, of Gloucester, married Miss Wormeley;
2. Peyton, Speaker of the House of Burgesses and President  
 of Congress; married Elizabeth, sister of Gov. Harrison;  
 no children.
3. John, the King's Attorney General, married Arianna Jen-  
 nings, daughter of Edmund Jennings, of Maryland, and had:  
     Edmund, Jennings R., m. Elizabeth Nicholas, Dtr. Robert  
     Carter Nicholas.  
     Mrs. Grimes;  
     Mrs. James Wormeley.
4. Mary, married to Philip Grymes, of Brandon in Middlesex  
 by whom she had:  
     The late Philip;  
     John;  
     Charles;  
     Benjamin;  
     Mrs. Genl. Nelson, Malvern Hills;



Mrs. Nat. Burwell, of the Grove;  
Mrs. R. Nelson;  
Mrs. Dr. Pope.

- VI. Henry, died unmarried; left part of Curles to his brother Richard.
- VII. Edward, who married an heiress of Gravesend, England, and had:
1. Joseph;
  2. Edward, m. Lucy Harrison, of Berkeley, sister to Gov. Harrison, by whom he had:  
Harrison, m. 1st to Miss Starke, by whom he had two children, and 2dly to Miss Jones, of Brunswick;  
Mrs. Latil;
  3. Elizabeth, m. to Wm. Yates, of Glos'ter, a parson;
  4. Mary, m. to Robert Yates, of Glos'ter, a parson.
- VIII. Mary, married to Wm. Stith, by whom she had:
1. William, President of William and Mary College, the Historian of Virginia, married to Judy R., of Tuckahoe, by whom:  
Polly Stith, of Williamsburg.
  2. John, of Charles City.
  3. Mary, married to Commissary Dawson, by whom she had a son:  
....., married to Miss Johnson, of North Carolina. William Johnson Dawson, late member of Congress from North Carolina, sprang from this union.
- IX. Elizabeth, married Theodorick Bland, by whom:
1. Richard, of Jordan's Point, member of the old Convention in 1775-6;  
The Tatum (blue paper) says Elizabeth R. m. Richard Bland, son of Theodorick.
  2. Theodorick Bland, of Cawsons, married Frances Bolling, only daughter of Drury B., by whom he had:  
Theodorick;  
Mrs. Banister, of Battersea;  
Mrs. Ruffin;  
Mrs. Eaton;  
Mrs. Haynes;  
Mrs. Frances Randolph, afterwards Mrs. Tucker.
  3. Mary, to Richard Lee, by whom:  
Richard;  
Henry;



- Mrs. Ball;  
Mrs. Fitz Hugh.  
4. Elizabeth, married to Wm. Beverley, of Blandfield, by whom:  
Robert;  
Elizabeth;  
Anne, married to Robert Munford.
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#### NOTE BY JOHN RANDOLPH, OF ROANOKE.

Pocahontas left an only son, who left an only daughter, Jane, married to Robert Bolling, who bore him a son, John, who married Miss Kennon, by whom he had, 1st John, married to Miss Blair, of Williamsburg; 2nd Jane, married to Richard Randolph, of Curles; 3rd Mary, to John Fleming; 4th, Elizabeth, to Dr. Gay; 5th, Martha, to T. Eldridge; 6th, to James Murray.

By second marriage the above-named Robert had Drury, my maternal great-grandfather; Robert; of Bollingbrook, and Stith.

#### RANDOLPH

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Lieutenant-Colonel William Randolph  
1651-1711

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Member of House of Burgesses  
1700-1705

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Captain of Henrico County Forces  
1680

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Lieutenant Colonel  
1679

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Attorney General and Member of Royal Council of Virginia

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Founder of William and Mary College  
1690





*William Randolph*, colonist, was born Morton Morrell, Warwickshire, England, in 1651, and died on Turkey Island, Virginia, April 11, 1711.

He belonged to a family line of which were Thomas Randolph, mentioned in "Domesday Book" as ordered to do duty in person against the King of France (1294); John Randolph, an eminent judge and connected with the exchequer (1355); Avery Randolph, principal of Pembroke College, Oxford (1590); Thomas Randolph, ambassador of Queen Elizabeth; and Thomas Randolph, the poet.

A "black letter pedigree" found among the papers of Sir John Randolph carries the line back to Robert Randolph (born 1550-60), who married Rosa Roberts. His son,

William (born 1582, died 1670), married 1st Elizabeth Smith and had children, viz.:

1. Thomas, the poet, and Robert.
2. William, who married Dorothy Lane.

This William married 2nd Dorothy Lane, Dtr. Richard Lane; died 1634.

Their children

Henry R.,

Richard R., b. 1621.

William, son of above, born November 27, 1623, is generally assumed to have been the emigrant to Virginia, but cannot have been "William of Turkey Island," since the latter was born 1651.

But "William of Turkey Island" was by tradition nephew of Thomas the poet, and, consequently, a descendant in the fifth generation from Robert and Rosa (Roberts) Randolph.

Colonel William Randolph, and his descendants after him, bore the coat of arms of the Randolphs of Biddenden, County Kent, England, and when John Randolph was member of Middle Temple, he used openly these arms as belonging to him.

The impression of seal of Edward Randolph (1683) show same devices.

*Colonel William Randolph* was the son of Richard Randolph (of Morton Morrell), a half-brother of the poet.

He was preceded in Virginia by his Uncle Henry, who came in 1643, and died there 1673. He (Henry) also founded a family. His widow married Peter Field, an ancestor of Thomas Jefferson.

Colonel William Randolph arrived in the year 1674 (perhaps earlier) in Virginia, and became the owner of a large plantation on the James River. He fixed his abode on Turkey Island (not now an island), about twenty miles below the city of Richmond, where as yet there was no settlement. He built, with bricks imported on his ship which plied regularly between Bristol and Turkey Island, a mansion with lofty dome, whose picturesque ruin remains.

Colonel William Byrd's letters written at the time show Randolph to have been a man of high character, as well as of much influence.



He was a member of the House of Burgesses, and either he or his eldest son was the William Randolph mentioned as Clerk of the House, 1705.

Tradition says he was a member of the Governor's Council.

He was active in the work of civilizing the Indians, was founder and trustee of William and Mary College, appears as "William Randolph, Gentleman," as he is also described in the college charter. On his tombstone was written:

"Col. William Randolph,  
of Warwickshire,  
but late of Virginia,  
Gentleman,  
Died Apr. 11th, 1711."

He married Mary, daughter of Henry Isham and Catherine (nee Katherine Banks, of Canterbury, England), his wife, of Bermuda Hundred, James River, a descendant of the Ishams of Northamptonshire, England, and had nine children.

The family and family name so multiplied that the seven sons were conveniently distinguished by the estates bequeathed them.

(Randolph and Randall were used interchangeably in Colonial Virginia—earlier in England).

The sons were:

1. William, of Turkey Island;
2. Thomas, of Tuckahoe;
3. Isham, of Dungeness;
4. Richard, of Curles;
5. Henry, of Chatsworth;
6. Sir John, of Tazewell;
7. Edward, of Breno.
8. Mary, m. William Stith.
9. Elizabeth, m. Theodorick Bland.

Six of these begin the list of forty graduates of the Randolph name to be gathered from catalogue of William and Mary College.

The sons all appear to have entered with energy on the work of colonial civilization, save Edward, who married and resided in England.

Colonel William Randolph's eldest son, William, born 1681, was visitor of William and Mary College, member of House of Burgesses, Councillor of State and Treasurer of the colony of Virginia in 1731.

*Isham*, third son of Colonel William Randolph, born February 24, 1687, on Turkey Island, died November 2, 1742. He resided in London in early life, where in 1717 he married Jane Rogers, by whom he had eleven children.

On his return to Virginia he built for himself a grand mansion in



Dungeness, where a baronial hospitality was dispersed. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Goochland, now Albemarle County, in 1740, and Adjutant General of the Colony.

He was a man of scientific culture, and is honorably mentioned in the memoirs of Bartram, the naturalist.

He was the ancestor of the Randolphs of Dungeness and Ben Lomond.

His daughter, Jane, born London, 1720, married Colonel Peter Jefferson, and was the mother of Thomas Jefferson. Elizabeth married Richard Bland, and a third daughter, Mary, married Charles Lewis, son of Colonel Charles Lewis, "of the Bird," and Mary Howell his wife, and a descendant of General Robert Lewis, born 1607, son of Sir Edward Lewis, of Brecon, Wales.

Richard, the fifth son of Colonel William Randolph, born 1691, died 1748, was a member of House of Burgesses for Henrico County, 1740, and succeeded his brother William as Treasurer of the Colony.

The sixth son, Sir John, born 1693, died 1737, was a lawyer. At an early age he was appointed King's Attorney for Virginia, and in 1730, while visiting England to obtain a renewal of the college charter, was knighted.

Peyton Randolph was his son.

Thomas Jefferson, in his autobiography, says the Randolphs trace their pedigree far back in England and Scotland.

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William Randolph, of Warwickshire, England, married Mary, daughter of Henry and Catharine Isham, of Bermuda Hundred (of the family of Isham in North Hamptonshire and Baronets). They had seven sons and two daughters. William died at Turkey Island and is there buried. His first son, William the Councillor, also of Turkey Island, married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Beverley, Esq., in Gloucester, whose wife was daughter of *Robert Peyton*, of an ancient family in the County of Norfolk. Their children were first, *Beverly*, of Turkey Island, who married Miss Lightfoot, and died without children. Second, *Peter*, of Chatsworth, who married Lucy, daughter of Robert Bolling, of Bollingbrook, who had William, Beverly, Robert and Ann.

Third, *William of Wilton*, who married Ann, daughter of Benjamin Harrison, of Berkeley, whose wife was Anne Carter. Their children were—1st, William, who died young; 2nd, Peter, who died childless; 3rd, Harrison, died young; 4th, Benjamin, died young; 5th, Peyton, married his cousin Lucy Harrison (and had William, Betsy, Kidder and Peyton); 6th, Anne, married Benjamin Harrison, of Brandon, in Prince George County; 7th, Elizabeth, married Philip Grymes, of



Charles Lewis, of Buck Island; Dorothy, married John Woodson, of Goochland; Anne, married John Pleasants, of Fine Creek, and secondly, James Pleasants, of Goochland; Sukey, married Carter Harrison, of Clifton, Cumberland County.

Richard, of Curles, married Jane daughter of John Bolling, of Colbs, and granddaughter of Robert Bolling, who married the granddaughter of Pocahontas, Jane Rolfe, only daughter of the only son of Pocahontas—Thomas. This Jane and Robert Bolling had a son, John, who married Mary Kennon, and had, 1st, John, married to Miss Blair, of Williamsburg; 2nd, Jane, the above mentioned, wife of Richard, of Curles; 3rd, Mary, married John Flemming; 4th, Elizabeth to Dr. Gay; 5th, Martha to Eldridge; 6th, Anna to James Murray. The children of Richard Randolph, of Curles, and Jane Bolling were, 1st, Richard, of Curles, who married Anne, daughter of David Meade, of Nansemond. Their children were Jane, married to *Archibald Bolling*; Richard to Maria Beverly, of Blandfield; Sukey to Benjamin Harrison, of Berkley; David married the daughter of Thomas M. Randolph, of Tuckahoe, and to Brett Randolph, of Powhatan; Brett to Lucy Beverly, sister to Richard's wife; Betsy to David, son of Edward Brandon, in Middlesex County; 8th, Lucy, married Lewis Burwell, of Kings Hill.

Fourth child of William the Councillor, of Turkey Island, was Mrs. John Chiswell; fifth, Mrs. Price.

Thomas, of Tuckahoe, married Miss Judith Fleming, and had 1st William, who married an heiress, Miss Mann, of Mannsfield, near Fredericksburg, and had Thomas Mann I, who married Ann Cary (daughter of Archibald and Mary Cary, of Amphill, in Chesterfield County), whose children were, 1st, Mary, who married David Meade Randolph, second son of Richard Randolph, of Curles; 2nd, *Thos. Mann* II, who married Martha, daughter of Thomas Jefferson, the son of Peter Jefferson, of Shadwell, Albemarle County, whose wife was Jane, daughter of Adjutant General Isham Randolph, of Dungeness, Goochland County, who died in 1742, aged fifty-seven; 3rd, Eliza, married R. Pleasants, son to R. Pleasants, of Curles; 4th, Judy, married Richard, son of John Randolph, Sr., of Roanoke; 5th, William, who married Lucy, daughter of Beverly, the son of the first Peter Randolph, of Chatsworth; 6th, Nancy, who married Gouveneur Morris, of the State of New York; 7th, Jane, married to Thomas *Eston*, son of William, of Bristol, who was the son of Adjutant General Isham Randolph, of Dungeness; 8th, John, who married a Miss Lewis, of Powhatan County; 9th, Harriet, who married Richard Hackley; 10th, Virginia, who married Wilson Jefferson, the grandson of William Miles Cary, of Celes, near Hampton.

General *Isham* Randolph, of Dungeness, married Miss Rogers, of England, and had, 1st, Isham; 2nd, William, of Bristol; Thomas, of Dungeness; Jane, who married Peter Jefferson; Mary, who married





Meade, of Amelia; Ryland to Miss Frayzer, of Petersburg; Sarah to William Nawburn, and Mary, married to William, son of the late Thomas Bolling, of Copps, second child of Richard Randolph and Jane Bolling; Mary married Archibald Cary, of Ampthill, and had Jane, married to Thomas M. Randolph, of Dungeness, and to Thomas M. Randolph, of Tuckahoe; Elizabeth to Mr. Kincard, and Mary to Carter Page, of Cumberland; 3rd, Jane married Anthony Walke, father to the late Anthony Walke, of Kempsville, Princess Anne County; 4th, Brett married in England to Mary Scott, and had Brett, of Powhatan; Harry, late of Warwick, and Mrs. Douglass, of Alexandria; 5th, Ryland, bought Turkey Island of Col. Peter, at which place he lived and died a bachelor; 6th, Elizabeth, married Richard Kidder Meade, of Coggins Point, but last of "Lucky Hit," Frederick County; 7th, John, of Roanoke, married Frances, youngest daughter of Theodorick Bland, of Cawsons, whose wife was Frances, daughter of Drury Bolling, son of Robert Bolling and his second wife, Miss Kitts. The other sons of this second marriage were Robert, of Bollingbrook, and Stith, Thomas, Edward, Agnes, *Kennon* (mother of the late R. Kennon), and Anne Wynne. The children of John Randolph, of Roanoke, were, 1st, Richard, who married Judy, daughter to Thos. M. Randolph, of Tuckahoe, and had St. George and Tudor, who died in England; 2nd, Theodorick Bland, a young man of first-rate talents, and who died young; 3rd, John Randolph, now of Roanoke, and a member of Congress.

Sir John Knight, General and also Speaker. He married Susan Beverly, sister to his brother William's wife. Their children were, 1st, Beverly, of Gloucester, married to Miss Wormley, of Middlesex; 2nd, Peyton, Speaker of the House of Burgesses and President of Congress. He was stricken with paralysis soon after Congress met in Philadelphia, and, therefore, history generally names Hancock as President of the first Congress. Peyton married Elizabeth Harrison, sister of Gov. Harrison, and died without children; 3rd, John, the King's Attorney General, married Miss Arianna Jennings, of Maryland, and had one son and two daughters, Mrs. Susan Grymes and Mrs. James Arianna Wormley. Edmund, the son, once Governor of Virginia, Attorney General of Virginia, and Secretary of State under Washington's administration, married Miss Elizabeth ~~Nichols~~ *Nichols* in 1776. Dtr. of Robert Carter Nichols and Anne Cary. He was then Attorney General of Virginia. Their children were Peyton, who married the celebrated beauty and belle, Maria Ward. Says a writer of her: "All contemporary accounts unite in describing her as possessing a singular fascination of manner, a charming sweetness and amiability of disposition, an enchanting gayety and spirit, and a peculiar, irresistible personal loveliness. At the time of her death she was still as fresh as a summer rose, as captivating in mind and manner as when she enthralled the passionate heart of John Ran-



dolph, of Roanoke." Beginning in his early boyhood, his love for her became the one enthralling passion of his life, thrilling his whole being, till, as he himself said, he loved her better than his own soul, or Him that created it. When General Lafayette visited the United States in 1824, he saw her at the ball given him by the citizens of Richmond, and requested an introduction. He afterwards called, by permission, to see her in her own home circle, and said she was the most beautiful woman he saw in America. She died two years later, in 1826, in the 42nd year of her age. They had a large family of children—several died in their infancy. Peyton, their first, was a youth of brilliant promise. He died of brain fever when he was about sixteen. Only three children survived their parents, Edwin, Edmund and Charlotte Foushee, m. Dr. John Skelton. Of these I will say more later. Sir John's 4th child was Mary, who married Philip Grymes, of Brandon in Middlesex. Their children were Philip, John, Charles, Benjamin, Lucy (Mrs. General Thomas Nelson), Susan (Mrs. Nathaniel Burwell, of the Grove, but last of Carter Hall, Frederick), Mary (Mrs. Robert Nelson, of Malvern Hills), and Eliza (Mrs. Dr. Pope).

Henry died unmarried, and left part of Curles to his brother Richard.

Edward married an heiress of Gravesend, England, and had, 1st, Joseph; 2nd, Edward, who married Lucy Harrison, of Berkeley, and had Harrison (married first Miss Starke; 2nd, Miss Jones, of Brunswick), and Mrs. Latel; 3rd, Elizabeth, married Wm. Yates; 4th, Mary, married Robert Yates.

Mary, married to William Stith, had, 1st, William, President of William and Mary College, the Historian of Virginia, who married Judy Randolph, of Tuckahoe. Polly Stith, of Williamsburg, was their first child; 2nd, John, of Charles City; 3rd, Mary, married to Commissary Davison, who had a son, married to Miss Dawson, of North Carolina. William Johnson Davison, late member of Congress, was of this union.

Elizabeth married Theodore Bland, and had, 1st, Richard, of Jordan Point, member of old Congress of 1775-6; 2nd, Theoderick, who married Frances Bolling, only daughter of Drury Bolling. Their children were Theoderick, Mrs. Bannister, of Battersea; Mrs. Ruffin, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Randolph, afterwards Mrs. Tucker; 3rd, Mary, married to Richard Lee, who had Henry, Richard, Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Fitzhugh; 4th, Elizabeth, married to William Beverly, of Blandfield, whose children were Robert and Elizabeth; 5th, Anne, married to Robert Mumfred.

Sir John, the fifth son of William Randolph and Mary Isham, married Susan Beverly. A letter of John Randolph, of Roanoke, speaks of him as Knight, General and Speaker. He had three sons, Beverly, of Gloucester, who married Miss Wormley.



2nd, Peyton, Speaker of the House of Burgesses, and President of the first Congress which met at Philadelphia, who married Elizabeth, sister of Gov. Harrison. No children.

3rd, John, the King's Attorney General, who married Miss Arianna Jennings, of Maryland. They had only one son, Edmund, and two daughters, Susan Beverly Grymes and Mrs. James Arianna Wormley.

Edmund married Miss Nichols in 1776. Of this event, the Virginia Gazette, then published in Williamsburg, says: "Edmund Randolph, Esq., Attorney General of Virginia, to Miss Betsy Nichols, a young lady, whose amiable sweetness of disposition, joined with the finest intellectual accomplishments, cannot fail of rendering the worthy man of her choice completely happy." Then follows some verses in their praise, which will be found in my desk, if wanted—kindly copied by Elizabeth Coek. Edmund was afterwards Governor of Virginia and Secretary of State under Washington's administration. At the beginning of hostilities between England and her colonies, Edmund's father, the King's Attorney General, returned to England, but his son espoused the cause of the colonies, as did also his uncle, Peyton. Peyton had no child, and left all of his fortune to his nephew, Edmund. Edmund had only one son, 1st, Peyton, m. Maria Ward, and three daughters—2nd, Mrs. Judge Daniel, who had one son, Peter V. D., a lawyer of Richmond, Va., and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth D. and Mrs. Charles Moncure; 3rd, Mrs. Thomas Preston, of Lexington, Va., who left two children, Col. John Preston, of Lexington, and Mrs. William Cocke, of Oakland, Goochland Countp; 4th, Mrs. Bennet Taylor, of Albemarle.

Peyton was for many years a prominent lawyer of Richmond, Va. He also wrote a History of Virginia, which, however, he never published. The MSS. lies in the Library of the State, much valued as a work of reference.

Although disabled by paralysis for several years, he survived his wife, Maria Ward. They had ten children, only three of whom survived their parents, two sons and one daughter, Edwin, who died unmarried; 2nd, Edmund, who married a belle and beauty of New Orleans, Miss Tarmesia Meaux. He went to San Francisco in the early settlement of the State. He was a lawyer of brilliant mind, and stood foremost in the profession. He alone represented the United States Government in the suit brought in 1858 to establish its claim to the New Almaden Quicksilver Mines in California. The Spanish claimants were represented by Beverly Johnson, Judah P. Benjamin, and several other lawyers. The mines were of great value, and the struggle for their possession was a hard-fought one. Mr. Randolph's closing argument occupied three hundred pages. From the court room he went home to his bed, and died in a few days, September 8th, 1861, aged 42 years. After his death the case was decided in favor of the United States, and Judge Black said in his report that "for magnitude of interests and bulk of record, no more important case had ever been



brought before the Supreme Court." His wife and three daughters survive him: 1st, Margaret; 2nd, Lucy N., and 3rd, Mary C. Mary C. married Joseph G. Kent, of Kenton, Wythe County, Virginia. They have one daughter, Lucy Randolph.

3rd, the daughter of Peyton Randolph and Maria Ward, Charlotte Foushee, married Dr. John G. Skelton, of "Paxton," Powhatan County, Virginia, but a practitioner of medicine in Richmond, Virginia, since 1866. She died in the 22nd year of her age, leaving an infant daughter, Maria Ward, who married John Langborne Williams, of Richmond, Virginia, son of John Williams, of Monaghan County, Ireland (whose sister was Mrs. John Bell, of Bellville, near Richmond), and Sianna Dandridge.

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#### BERNARD RANDOLPH SUCCESSION.

At 1500-1575	Robert Randolph—m. Rosa Roberts of Kent & Hamas, Sussex), Dtr. Thomas Roberts of Kent.
At 1572-1660	*William Randolph—m. 1st Elizabeth Smith (Wm. Randolph of Lewis, Sussex & Northampton's line. Children—Thomas (b. 1605) the poet, died Mch. 17, 1634. Robert, B. A., Christ Church, Oxford. Published his brother's poems 1640. (William R.) m. 2nd or 4 Dorothy Lane, Dtr. Richard Lane. Children—(Henry came to Va. 1643). Richard b. 1621. Was clerk H. Burgesses 1652-60. Was clerk Henrico Co. later.
At 1621-1661	Richard Randolph—m. Elizabeth Ryland, Warwickshire, Eng., b. 1621. Dtr. Richard Ryland.
At 1651-1711	William Randolph—m. Mary Isham, Bermuda Hundreds, Va. Morton Merrell, Warwickshire. Dtr. of Henry & Catherine Isham, Bermuda Hundred, Va.
1693-1737	———— Emigrated 1674—Settled at Turkey Island, Va. Sir John Randolph—Susan Beverley. He the 6th son of William T. Island. Beverley R. m. Wormley. Payton m. Elizabeth Harrison (No children). John m. Arianna Jennings. Mary m. Philip Grymes.
1750	John Randolph—m. Arianna Jennings, dtr. of Edmund Jennings, Atty. Gen. of Maryland.
At 1728-1784	His Dtrs.—Susan Beverley R. m. Grymes. Arianna Vanderheyden m. 1st Frisby, 2nd Bowlen. John R.—returned to England but was buried Williamsburg.
Aug. 10-12 Sept.	Aug. 29, 1776. D. 1810.





1753-1813  
Dd. Carter Wall  
Col. Nat. Burwell.

Edmund Randolph m. Elizabeth Nicholas  
b. Williamsburg, Va. See the book, "Edmund  
Randolph by Moncure D. Conway." Note Ran-  
dolph Coat of Arms (dtr. Robert Carter Nich-  
olas and Ann Cary).

Also "Colonial Homes" by Glenn.

1. Susan Beverly R. m. Bennett Taylor.
2. Payton R. m. Maria Ward.
3. Edmonia Madison m. Thomas L. Prestou.
4. Lucy Nelson R. m. Peter V. Daniel.

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Peyton Randolph m. Maria Ward 1806, Dtr.  
Benjamin Ward of Wintopoke.

1821-1861

Edmund Randolph m. Tarmesia Meaux Dia.  
of Doctor Thomas Oliver Meaux.

1855

Mary Randolph—m.

Edward, one of the sons of William of Turkey Island, went to Eng-  
land, and I find no record of line further in America.

Same as Rs

The Coat of Arms

Biddenden

"Gules (red) on a cross argent (silver)

Kent County,

Five mullets (pierced) sable (black).

England

The crest used by the American family is an  
Antelope's head, argent, couped holding in its  
mouth a stick of gold.

The Motto—"Fari Quae Sentiat."

An article by Frances Cowles says:

"The above coat of arms belongs to the Virginia family of Ran-  
dolph, and the English family of the name seated at Badelesmer  
County, Cambridge. This coat of arms was confirmed Meh. 15, 1571,  
in the 13th year of Queen Elizabeth—to Thomas Randolph of Badeles-  
mere, Esquire—descended from the ancient family of Sir John Ran-  
dolph of County Wilts Knight by the name of Randolph of Kent." From display of Heraldry (Gwilliam) "By not piercing the mullets  
the Randolphs of Va. changed the Kent rowels to stars.

Following is a copy from Burks General Armory:

"Rev. Thomas Randolph, M. A., rector of Hadenham Co. Herts,—  
Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the  
Queen,—eldest surviving son of the late John Randolph, D. D., Bishop  
of Oxford, 1806, and of London, 1809,—a lineal descendant of Bernard  
Randolph, Esquire of Biddenden County, Kent. Born 1556. \* \* \*

Coat of Arms is

Red on a Cross silver,

Five mullets pierced sable (black),

Crest—Antelope's head erased, or (gold)."

Lucy Randolph visited a hotel, I think in Oxford, where is the  
same Coat of Arms as used in Virginia. She found Randolphs in or  
near Oxford, who knew certainly the Virginia kinship.

Mr. William G. Stanard, Sect. Virginia Historical Society, gave



me the copy below as being in a manuscript in Va. Historical Society from Mr. Wilson Miles Cary of Baltimore.

"The visitation of Northamptonshire 1682 in giving the pedigree of the Ancestors of the Va. Randolphs gives the Coat of Arms.

Gules (red) on a cross—Argent (silver),

Five Mullets—Sable (black).

Crest:

An antelope's head, or holding in his mouth a pillar,—argent.

This examination and report to Mr. Wilson Miles Cary made by—

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